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Respectfully submitted,



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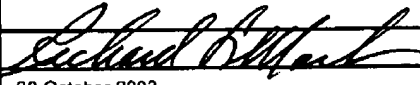
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In re Application of Straub, et al. : Group Art Unit # 2854  
Serial No. 09/872,841 : Examiner: Kevin D. Williams  
Filed: 01 June 2001 : Date: 30 October 2003  
For: METHODS FOR MAKING DECORATIVE :  
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ELECTION OF SPECIES AND AMENDMENT A

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of 01 October 2003 and discussion with the Examiner on 23 October 2003, kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Applicants elect Group II: Claims 1 - 3, 8 - 10 and 20, retain claims 16 - 19, amend claim 15 to be dependent upon the elected group and add claims 21 - 28 for prosecution in this application. Applicants hereby cancel Group I claims 4 - 7 and Group III claims 11 - 14 without prejudice to Applicants' rights to file divisional applications on non-elected Groups I and III. In accordance with the proposed changes to 37 C.F.R. 1.121, Applicants submit a complete set of claims with the required claim identifiers in the instant application showing the present amendments to the claims. The claims follow on separate pages 2 - 5. Remarks begin on page 6.

FEES:

Applicants have elected Group II: Claims 1 - 3, 8 - 10 and 15 - 20 for examination in this application, canceled claims 4 - 7 and 11 - 14 and added claims 21 - 28 to retain 20 claims in the application. It is believed by Applicants that no additional fees are required, however, Applicants respectfully request prompt notification in case missing fees are required in order correct such deficiency in a timely manner so that this amendment will be fully responsive on the effective date thereof.

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